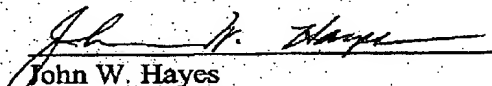


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REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 8, 12, 23, and 25 through 28 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced, either in amendment of the existing claims, or in new claims 35 through 37. The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are allowable over the prior art of record. Please note that claims 29 through 34 have been canceled. Allowance of all claims pending (claims 1, 4-14, 23, 25-28, and 35-37) is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney.

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